



## THE GRAPEVINE

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# The Grapevine

**Newsletter of the Yountville Veterans Home**

**November 25, 2010**

## Sixth Annual Celebrity Chef's Luncheon"

*By Lou Zauner, Photojournalist*

One of the finest tributes to the Home during Veterans Day Week is the "Celebrity Chef's Veterans Day Luncheon." This year, the luncheon was celebrated on Wednesday, November 10. As an honor to the Home Residents, this annual exclusive luncheon is provided by the Town of Yountville, the Yountville Chamber of Commerce, the talents of some of the finest chefs in the country, plus dozens of generous volunteers and donors.

This gourmet fare was served in two seating's at the Main Dining Room, the first at 11 a.m. and the second at 12:30 p.m. More than 300 Home Residents attended each seating, and more than 400 meals were served at the Hospital and Higher-Care facilities.



Our Mayor, and Manager of the Yountville Chamber of Commerce, Cynthia Saucerman, estimates it takes two full weeks of preparation for the Chefs and their assistants, and for organizing a volunteer staff of 60 to 80 trained servers and helpers. This year, the training was accomplished in classroom style whereas in previous years it took place in the Main Dining Room prior to the serving times.



Our Home Residents and Staff sincerely appreciate the enormous dedication and friendship of the Celebrity Chefs; the Town of Yountville; the Chamber of Commerce for their donations of time, talent, food and wine; and the volunteers and our Dining Staff who gave their time for this fine service. Thank you!

## More photos on the next page

*Our photographers were Robb McDonough, Jody Price, and Lou Zauner.*

## THANK YOU! Brothers and Sisters

On Veterans Day a special message was sent to the worldwide members of the Cat Fanciers Association (CFA) group email list. The message touched my heart and I wanted to share it with you.

"I would like to express the utmost appreciation and gratitude to all the Veterans of the United States of America and their families. Due to your dedication and commitment we have the opportunity to enjoy many freedoms, and liberty's, including the CFA. Please take a moment and reflect on those who may have lost their own lives, for us. I am humbled and forever grateful to each and every one of you."  
... Heinrich Kellogg



# Honoring All Who Served

By Lou Zauner, Photojournalist

Veterans Day ceremonies began at 10:00 a.m., November 11, 2010 with the ribbon cutting for the Member Services Center. Preceded with a bag piper of the Scottish American Military Society and a short speech, Home Administrator Marcella McCormack cut the ribbon and led the way to the Veterans Day Ceremonies in Grant Hall.



Following the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor, Town of Yountville, Cindy Saucerman; and Invocation and Blessing of Building by Chaplain Robert Krieger; Home Administrator Marcella McCormack and Ed Olson, Chair of Allied Council, welcomed the attending audi-



ence to Grant Hall. Featured Speaker was Travis Air Force Base Commander Col. John Flournoy, Jr. who spoke of war heroes past and present and the importance of our veterans and military service. Other speakers included Dr. Vernon Chong, CAL-VET Board and



brief comments by each of four of the Member Services Building construction and project managers.



Before the closing of the Ceremony, Benediction by Chaplain Krieger and Retiring of Colors by the Veterans Home Honor Guard, Marcella McCormack presented the Hall of Fame Medallion to 2010 Hall of Fame Inductee Lou Zauner. Then Zauner led the champagne Toast to the Armistice.

Veterans Day Activities included an Art Show in Lee Lounge and Creative Arts Center, and concluded with a performance of the always-popular Dix Bruce Band in Grant Hall. This performance, sponsored by Friends of the Veterans Home, lasted from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

## More Chefs' Luncheon photos...





# Iron Warriors Over-20-years Celebration

By Lou Zauner, Photojournalist

It was the familiar roar of motorcycles and their riders arriving for their annual tribute that heralded the popular picnic at the Main Picnic Grounds. Unlike past years, the weather was beautiful for the Iron Warriors on Saturday, November 13. The Main Picnic Grounds hosted an unprecedented crowd,



estimated at 600 Iron Warriors, Home Residents, volunteers, Staff and guests.

Starting at 11 a.m. the two serving lines were already active with hungry Home Residents who are always graced to be the first in line



for the huge steak sandwich, baked beans, lettuce salad and dressing. Beer and soft-drinks were available at no cost to Home Residents and bouncy music was proved by the "Harlee Sugar Daddies."

The Iron Warriors is a motorcycle club of active and retired law enforcement officers and firefighters who ride Harley's and other American-produced bikes. Volunteers also included more than 20 "PG&E Pioneer" employees who supported the long and continuous serving lines that continued for nearly two hours.

The Iron Warriors are not just generous hosts to our Home Residents. The funds collected from their members and volunteers are contributions given to the Home and veterans in the form of donations and gifts. Thank you Iron Warriors and volunteers for your generosity, time, talents and efforts ... and always for a great Veterans Day greetings!



# Popular USAF Academy Band Blue Steel

By Lou Zauner, Photojournalist

Presented as "The high energy and rock and roll of Blue Steel" the popular musical ensemble of the United States Air Force Academy Band performed a free concert at the Lincoln Theater on the afternoon of Saturday, November 6. This full-time active-duty band was joined by the Napa Valley Youth Symphony and the Golden Gate Philharmonic in a musical tribute to veterans in advance of Veterans Day. The combined orchestra, numbering well over 60 talented musicians, performed a selection of contemporary pop/rock



standards, original works and patriotic music. Thanks to all for a spectacular show.

# Mutual of Omaha Wild Kingdom Delights Animal Lovers

By Lou Zauner, Photojournalist

On the afternoon of Sunday, November 7, Peter Gros once again brought his array of exotic animals to the stage of the Lincoln Theater. With special appeal to the large audience of youngsters, they stood or raised their hands eager to volunteer to pet the kangaroo or hold the variety of snakes or other small creatures that came to visit.



Peter Gros and Richard Aldag, Lincoln Theater Executive Director. That's a corn snake that they are holding.



Everyone had a chance to touch and pet some of the animimals, such as this 25-year-old alligator

Along with the parade of alligators, a lemur, a black bear, a barn owl, snakes, insects and more, was a video presentation of Peter Gros' outdoor adventures with other wild animals, including sharks.



The beautiful barn owl is the most common owl in the world. Because of the "fringed" feathers on its wing, it flies silently.

Always a great audience draw plus a message for conservation, we look forward to his next visit with his exotic animals.

This black-throated Nile monitor is a younster and is only about half as large as it will be. This monitor is related to the huge Komodo Dragon.





IN CONCERT



The Cello  
& Piano  
Music  
of David  
Abramsky

Come celebrate the 4th day of Hanukkah with David on Sunday December 5, 2010 at 1:30 P.M. at the Veteran’s Home in Yountville. He will be featured in the Holderman Recreation Area (HRA).

Protect yourself  
Protect your family  
Get Immunized

Drop-in Seasonal Influenza vaccine is available Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the 1A Injection Clinic. Check in through ACC.

Grandparents, protect you and your grandbaby from Whooping Cough.

Ways to protect you and your family:

- \* Get your Tetanus Booster (Tdap)
- \* Make sure your grandchildren are up-to-date on their immunizations
- \* Cover your cough and wash your hands often

All residents will be offered the Tdap vaccine during their routine annual exam, when indicated. However, if you expect to have close contact with an infant younger than 12 months of age, you should get your booster NOW through the Veterans Home Injection Clinic. The Injection Clinic is open Monday through Thursday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Call 944-4681 to schedule an appointment.



Catherine Richwine, Gary Miller, Joseph Bacibare, Annie McCallum, Christine Hendricks.

Another Generous Red Cross Donation

By Lou Zauner, Photojournalist

On Saturday morning, November 6, four staff members from the American Red Cross Napa County Chapter with two trucks brought a bounty of over 200 bags of needed toiletries and clothing. The donations go to 48 Hospital Residents and another 150 Skilled Nursing Care Residents. These supplies were part of a Department of Defense Grant that had been allocated to the Red Cross Chapter. Thank you, Red Cross!



Lincoln Theater presents

Sunday, December 5 at 3:00 p.m.  
Travis Air Force Band of the Golden West The “Blue Steel” Air Force Academy Jazz Band of the United States Air Force Band of the Golden West and the Napa Valley Youth Choir.

Wednesday, December 8 at 7 p.m.  
The Oak Ridge Boys Christmas Show This holiday show will feature traditional holiday favorites, as well as Oak Ridge Boy classics and Country hits.

Wednesday, December 15  
Napa High School Choirs 2010 Christmas Concert: “Holly, Merry and Bright!”

This concert, scheduled to begin promptly at 6:30pm and conclude at 10:00pm, will be presented as “3-Concerts-In-One!” Your General Admission ticket is good for all 3 parts of the evening - or just the part/parts you choose to attend. The evening is scheduled as follows:  
6:30pm to 7:30pm: Part 1 – “Holly!” Beginning Choirs, Treble Choir, Men’s Choir and Women’s Ensemble  
7:30pm to 7:45pm: Intermission #1 (Seating for “Part Two” to take place during this time)  
7:45pm to 8:15pm: Part 2 – “Merry!” All Choirs/All Singers performing in either All Women’s Choir or All Men’s Choir  
8:15pm to 8:30pm: Intermission #2 (Seating for “Part Three” to take place during this time)  
8:30pm to 10:00pm: Part 3 – “Bright!” Advanced Choirs, 3rd Period Concert Choir (“Morning Choir”), 4th Period Concert Choir (“Afternoon Choir”) Chamber Choir

Saturday, December 18 at 2 pm & 7 pm  
The Nutcracker - Regional Dance Co. Come celebrate the season with Napa Regional Dance Company’s 10th Anniversary Season of The Nutcracker. This full length classical ballet production has become a local favorite and a winter tradition for all to enjoy!

Saturday, January 1, 2011 at 8 p.m.  
Bill Maher presented by Rick Bartalini Ring in the New Year with Bill Maher for his very first performance in the Napa Valley. Comedian and commentator Bill Maher’s combination of unflinching honesty and big laughs have garnered him twenty-one Emmy nominations. Exclusive Pre-Sale Tickets Available Beginning Tuesday, October 19 at 10 a.m. Please note: Due to the projected popularity of Bill Maher’s debut in the Napa Valley, additional seating will be added between Row A and the stage.

Residential Care  
Special Activities  
Sign up early at Activities  
or call 944-4900

Activities office needs to be notified forty eight (48) hours of any scheduled trip. To Cancel - Please call (707) 944-4900. “No Shows” will be stand-by only for future trips for 60 days.

November		
Date	Time	Event
27-Sat	5:00pm	Dinner Club: Black Bear, Napa *MBS
28-Sun	9:30am	Horse Racing: Golden Gates Fields *MBS
29-Mon	8:30am	Shopping: Bloomingdales in San Francisco *MBS

\*CHP: Main Chapel; \*GH: Grant Hall in MSC; \*HRA: Hospital Recreation Area; \*LT: Lincoln Theater; \*MBS: Main Bus Stop \*MCC: Memory Care Center; \*MDR: Main Dining Room Bus Stop, \*MSC: Member Services Building



Napa Valley  
Museum Schedule

Sat, Dec 16 3:30–5:00pm	Veterans Reception in the Lower Gallery
Sat, Dec 18 5:30–7:00pm	Miniatures Closing Reception in the Lower Gallery
Sun, Dec 19 3:00–5:00pm	Nutcracker Tea in the Main Gallery
For more information about these events, prices and to make reservations, please call 707-944-0500.	



Napa Valley  
Symphony  
presents

Sun, Dec 12 3pm	Hanel’s Messiah Conducted by Ragnar Bohlin and performed by the Napa Valley Chorale and the St. Helena Chamber Singers.
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Support Group for Chronic Pain/Illness Mondays from 1-2:00pm in Sec A, Conference Room 110. Residents, bring your thoughts and questions. This is the time to share your experiences. For more information, call Dr. Larry Bencich at 944-4842.

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Deadlines & Publications

Month	Publication	Deadline
November	Nov 10	Oct 29
	Nov 24	Nov 12
December	Dec 9	Nov 29
	Dec 23	Dec 13

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